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1. APRIL ISSUE OF ILHR QTE HUMAN RIGHTS BULLETIN QTE
STATES IN LARGELY UPBEAT ARTICLE ON GUINEA THAT WHILE ILHR
CONTINUES TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS

VIOLATIONS IN GUINEA THERE ARE HOPEFUL SIGNS INCLUDING NEWS OF PRISONER RELEASES AND "EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT" REPORTS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW ARRESTS, ICRC VISIT, MONROVIA SUMMIT AND GUINEA'S WITHDRAWAL OF DEMANDS FOR INVOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF EXILES.

2. PRIMARY NEGATIVE NOTE IN BULLETIN IS REPORT THAT FORMER OAU SECRETARY GENERAL DIALLO TELLI WAS STARVED TO DEATH IN PRISON CAMP ALONG WITH SEVERAL COMPATRIOTS. THE BULLETIN STATES THAT ON FEBRUARY 8, 1978, THE ILHR REQUESTED UN SECGEN WALDHEIM TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTED DEATH OF TELLI. IT ADDS THAT STATE DEPARTMENT CLAIMS IT

HAS NO INFORMATION ON TELLI'S FATE BUT FRENCH OFFICIAL HAS PRIVATELY CONFIRMED TELLI'S DEATH TO ILHR.

3. FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GUINEA HAS AGAIN CONTACTED AF/W FOR INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS IN GUINEA. CAN EMBASSY PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON FATE OF DIALLO TELLI AND OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS BEYOND THAT GIVEN IN REFTELS?

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